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1. OTHER MAJOR WESTERN CONTRIBUTORS HAVE REACHED AS FOLLOWS
TO OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM ON THE QUESTION OF THE
COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT:

UK - LONDON'S VIEWS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO OURS. THEY BELIEVE
STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT
RELATIVE WEIGHTS ASSIGNED TO THE MEMBERSHIP, POPULATION
AND CONTRIBUTION FACTORS, AND ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER
MAKING A DEMARCHE TO THE SECRETARIAT IN ADVANCE OF THE GA
AS THEY DID LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD LIKE TO
TAKENSOUNDINGS WITH OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS FIRST. ONDON
IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHANGE PROPOSED BY SYG IN THE METHOD
OF COMPUTING DESIRABLE RANGES.

JAPAN - JAPANESE VIEWS ARE ALSO SIMILAR TO OURS. THEY
HAD ALREADY MADE KNOWN THEIR CONCERN TO WEBB
AND IVANKO IN SECRETARIAT BEFORE SEEING COPY OF DRAFT
REPORT. FOR THIS REASON AND ALSO BECAUSE THEY THINK REPORT
IS MODERATE ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS WOMEN AND COMPOSITION OF
THE STAFF AT THE SENIOR LEVEL, THEY DO NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER
APPROACH TO SECRETARIAT AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ITEM WILL
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DEFINITELY BE ON AGENDA WHEN JAPANESE MAKE THEIR DEMARCHE

TO SYG WALDHEIM ON CURBING UN BUDGET GROWTH, WHICH THEY
EXPECT TO DO IN LAST WEEK OF AUGUST.

FRG - GERMANS HAVE TOLD US AT BOTH WORKING AND AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY APPROACH TO THE
SECRETARIAT ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR BASIC
PROBLEM IN THE PERSONNEL AREA IS THAT THEY ARE SERIOUSLY
UNDER-REPRESENTED AND THEY WISH TO CONCENTRATE THEIR
EFFORTS ON PLACING MORE OF THEIR NATIONALS IN THE UN.
IN THIS CONNECTION THEY HOPE WE WILL SHOW MORE INCLINATION
TO STEP DOWN OCCASIONALLY IN FAVOR OF THEIR CANDIDATES,
E.G. FOR THE LABOUISSSE AND MOSAK POSTS (USUN 3139).

FRANCE - FRENCH ARE STILL THINKING THE MATTER OVER.
SYMPATHY FOR OUR VIEWPOINT WAS EXPRESSED AT THE WORKING LEVEL.

2. WE HAVE KEPT ALL FOUR OF THE FOREGOING DELEGATIONS
APPRISED OF OUR OWN APPROACHES TO THE SECRETARIAT AND
OF THE FACT THAT THE REPORT IS NOW EXPECTED TO CONTAIN
A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION ON AN INCREASE IN THE
MEMBERSHIP FACTOR.
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